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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): PUERTO RICO

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI WAS INVITED TO DEPT ON
AUGUST 30 FOR MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) MAYNES
TO DISCUSS C-24 CONSIDERATION OF STATUS OF PUERTO RICO.

2. MAYNES STATED THAT US VIEWS REGARDING NON-COMPETENCE
OF C-24 TO CONSIDER STATUS OF PUERTO RICO WERE WELL KNOWN
AND HAD NOT CHANGED, BUT THAT WE WISHED TO AVOID CONFRON-
TATIONAL DEBATE OVER THE ISSUE. HE INDICATED THAT TIMING
OF POSSIBLE C-24 VOTE ON CUBAN RESOLUTION WAS VERY BAD,
COMING ON VERY DAY THAT INTEREST SECTIONS SCHEDULED TO
OPEN IN HAVANA AND WASHINGTON AND ON EVE OF CONGRESSIONAL
CONSIDERATION OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. MAYNES SAID WE
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HAD SEEN TWO PROPOSED CONSENSUS STATEMENTS, EITHER OF
WHICH WOULD AVOID A VOTE THIS YEAR WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY
PARTY TO ABANDON IMPORTANT POSITION OF PRINCIPLE. MAYNES
EXPRESSED HOPE THAT YUGOSLAV DELEGATION WOULD WORK FOR
CONSENSUS STATEMENT WITHIN C-24 AS BEST WAY OF AVOIDING
UNDESIRABLE CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE.

3. BELOVSKI RESPONDED AT HIGH LEVEL OF GENERALIZATION,

CALLING FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND USG,
BOTH HERE AND IN NEW YORK. HE EMPHASIZED THAT
YUGOSLAVIA HAD NEVER TAKEN THE LEAD ON THE PUERTO RICO
QUESTION, BUT THAT IT FELT THE NEED TO GO ALONG WITH
NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ON THE SUBJECT. BELOVSKI STATED
THAT THERE WAS AN EVOLUTION OF THE YUGOSLAV POSITION
AND POINTED TO YUGOSLAVIA'S ABSTENTION IN THE 1975 C-24
VOTE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 1976 CONSENSUS AS EVIDENCE
THAT YUGOSLAVIA TRIES TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION USG
CONCERNS.

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